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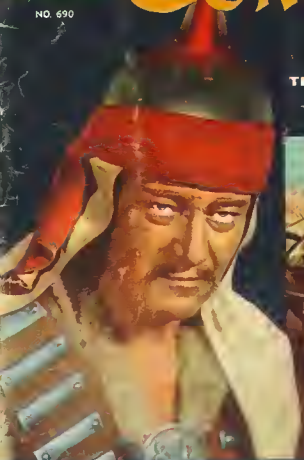
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THE CONQUEROR

GENGHIS KHAN!

The world trembled at his name!





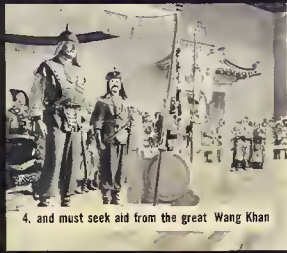
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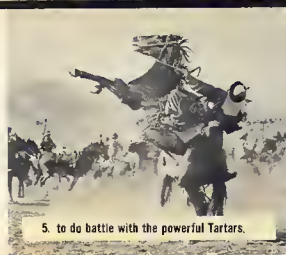
2. raids a caravan of enemy Merkits,



3. but angers the mighty Tartar, Kumlek,



4. and must seek aid from the great Wang Khan



5. to do battle with the powerful Tartars.

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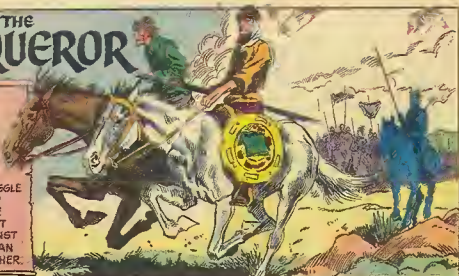
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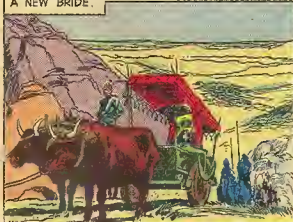
THE CONQUEROR

THE TWELFTH CENTURY--

THE NOMAD TRIBES OF THE GOBI DESERT SEETHE WITH UNREST. MONGOLS, MERKITS, TARTARS AND KARAITs STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AND SUPREMACY. TRIBE CONTENDS AGAINST TRIBE, CLAN AGAINST CLAN, AND NO MAN TRUSTS HIS BROTHER.

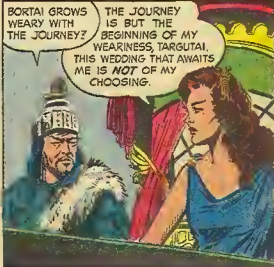


ACROSS THE STRIFE-TORN WASTELAND, AN OXCART COLUMN LUMBERS NORTHWARD. TARGUTAI--THE MERKIT CHIEFTAIN JOURNEYS HOMEWARD WITH A NEW BRIDE.



BORTAI GROWS WEARY WITH THE JOURNEY?

THE JOURNEY IS BUT THE BEGINNING OF MY WEARINESS, TARGUTAI. THIS WEDDING THAT AWAITS ME IS *NOT* OF MY CHOOSING.



BORTAI, SOON WE WILL BE AMONG MY PEOPLE. ONCE WE ARE WED, MY LOVE FOR YOU WILL...

YOUR LOVE IS NOT FOR ME, TARGUTAI, BUT FOR AN ALLIANCE WITH MY PEOPLE, THE TARTARS.



AT THAT MOMENT--

LORD TARGUTAI!-- TWO HUNTERS APPROACH-- THEY ARE MONGOLS BY THEIR DRESS.

LANCES READY! KEEP THEM AT A DISTANCE!



LORD, IT IS THE MONGOL CHIEF, TEMUJIN, AND HIS BLOOD BROTHER, JAMUGA.

MAKE WAY! I WOULD SPEAK WITH TARGUTAI.



WHO DARES STOP TEMUJIN ON HIS OWN LAND?

A CHIEF'S LANDS ARE THOSE HIS MEN CAN HOLD WITH ARMS, TEMUJIN!



PERHAPS YOU CAME TO DISPUTE OUR LANDS. WERE WE ALONE AND FAR FROM THE MONGOL CAMP, IT WOULD BE EASY, EH, TARGUTAI?

YOUR BLOOD BROTHER SPEAKS IN RIDDLES, TEMUJIN. BUT I SEEK NO DISPUTE. THIS JOURNEY IS A HAPPY ONE FOR ME.



I AM TAKING A WIFE FOR MYSELF-- A WOMAN OF THE TARTARS, TEMUJIN.

STRANGE! AN OCCASION OF JOY, BUT THE WOMAN DOES NOT SEEM TO BE OVERJOYED BY THE OCCASION!



STILL, IT IS NOT MY AFFAIR. FAREWELL, TARTAR WOMAN.

HE WOULD PAY DEARLY FOR HIS INSOLENCE, BUT I WANTED TO RISK NO VIOLENCE, LEST IT IMPERIL YOU.



YOU FEARED HIM. THE MONGOL WOULD NOT DARE TOUCH THE DAUGHTER OF KUMLEK, CHIEFTAIN OF THE TARTARS.

YOU DO NOT KNOW THIS SON OF YESSUGAI. I SUSPECT TEMUJIN HAD MEN CONCEALED NEARBY AND WAS SEEKING TO PROVOKE ME.



YOUR FATHER
WAS WISE TO
DO AWAY WITH
YESSUGAI
NOW THE
MONGOLS
ARE WEAK
AND
SCATTERED

YET YOU WERE TOO COWARDLY
TO BRAVE TEMUJIN!



FROM A
NEARBY
RIDGE,
TEMUJIN
WATCHES
THE
CARAVAN

THAT TARTAR GIRL--
SHE WAS NO WILLING
BRIDE, JAMUGA. MUCH
AS I DESPISE TARTARS,
I AM TEMPTED TO--

MY BROTHER, I KNOW
YOUR THOUGHTS. IT
WOULD BE RASH
AND UNWISE.
LISTEN TO
MY WORDS.



ONE DAY YOU WILL REGAIN
YOUR HERITAGE--THE LANDS
AND DOMINIONS OF YOUR FATHER
YESSUGAI, BUT THAT DAY IS NOT
YET. OUR NUMBERS ARE SMALL
AND THE MERKITS POWERFUL

NUMEROUS THEY ARE,
BUT HOW POWERFUL
UNDER THAT CRAVEN
TARGUTAI?



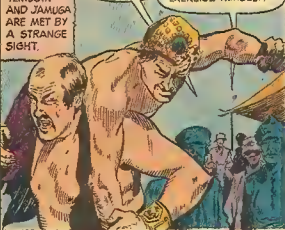
THIS GIRL GIVES US
A PRIME OCCASION
TO TEST TARGUTAI'S
STRENGTH, AND
TO PAY THE
MERKITS BACK
FOR SOME OLD
SCORES. COME,
WE RIDE FOR
THE CAMP!



AT THE
MONGOL
CAMP,
TEMUJIN
AND JAMUGA
ARE MET BY
A STRANGE
SIGHT.

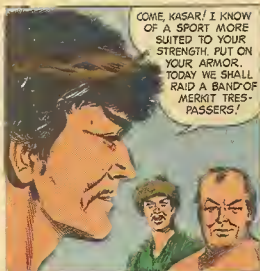
WHY IS
THAT CROWD
GATHERED?

THEY ARE WATCHING
OUR YOUNGER
BROTHER, KASAR,
EXERCISE HIMSELF.



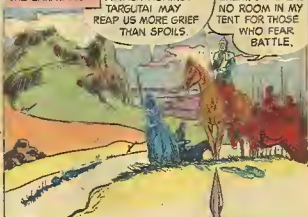
WELL DONE,
BROTHER KASAR!





COME, KASAR! I KNOW OF A SPORT MORE SUITED TO YOUR STRENGTH. PUT ON YOUR ARMOR. TODAY WE SHALL RAID A BAND OF MERKIT TRESPASSERS!

LATER THAT DAY, TEMUJIN'S RAIDERS APPROACH THE CARAVAN.



A WORD, TEMUJIN. THE MERKITS ARE NUMEROUS. AN ATTACK AGAINST TARGUTAI MAY REAP US MORE GRIEF THAN SPOILS.

WHO ARE YOU THAT TREMBLE BEFORE THE ENEMY? THERE IS NO ROOM IN MY TENT FOR THOSE WHO FEAR BATTLE.

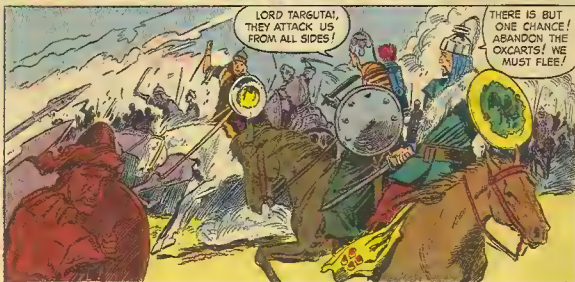


WE BUT OFFERED YOU COUNSEL. WOULD WE FEAR TO FOLLOW TEMUJIN, WHO IS WITHOUT EQUAL IN BATTLE?

WELL SPOKEN, MY JAMUGA OF THE SILVER TONGUE! WE ATTACK AS PLANNED.

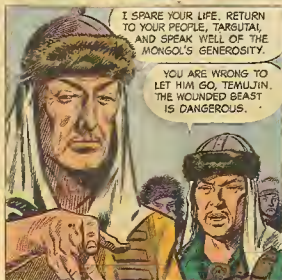
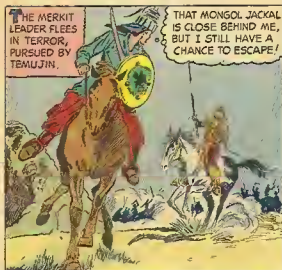


REMEMBER! I WANT THE TARTAR WOMAN UNHARMED! **BARAK! FORWARD!**



LORD TARGUTAI, THEY ATTACK US FROM ALL SIDES!

THERE IS BUT ONE CHANCE! ABANDON THE OXCARTS! WE MUST FLEE!



THE DAUGHTER OF KUMLEK,
THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR
MY FATHER'S DEATH!
WHAT SAY YOU OF HER,
JAMUGA?

IT COULD MEAN
MUCH TROUBLE
FOR US, MY
BROTHER!

BACK
AT THE MONGOL
CAMP,
TEMUJIN
BRINGS
THE
TARTAR
PRINCESS
BEFORE
HIS
MOTHER,
HUNLUN.



KUMLEK'S
DAUGHTER? SHE
WILL BRING
WOE TO YOU
AND TO YOUR
PEOPLE,
MY SON.

I AM THE CHIEF.
IT IS I WHO SAY
WHO WILL DWELL
IN OUR TENTS.
I HAVE SAVED
HER FROM AN
UNWILLING MARRIAGE.

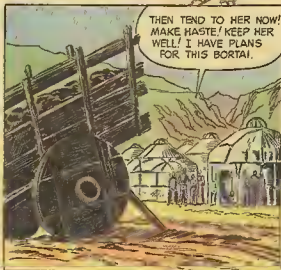


WHERE ARE THE
TARTAR GIRL'S
SERVANTS?

LORD, I AM HOCHIN. I HAVE TENDED
BORTAI SINCE SHE WAS A BABE.



THEN TEND TO HER NOW!
MAKE HASTE! KEEP HER
WELL! I HAVE PLANS
FOR THIS BORTAI.



BUT THAT NIGHT, THE
VENGEFUL MERKITS RAID
THE MONGOL CAMP IN
FORCE. WITH TORCH AND
SWORD, THEY PRESS
THEIR ATTACK HOME.

OUT MONGOLS!
FACE THE
VENGEANCE
OF THE
MERKITS!





THE YAK-TAIL
STANDARD. THIS IS
TEMUJIN'S TENT!



OUT, TEMUJIN! MY
LANCE AWAITS YOU!

HERE I AM,
TARGUTAI!



DARTING ASIDE,
TEMUJIN EVADES
THE LANCE, THEN--



TEMUJIN QUICKLY
PICKS UP AND
HURLS THE STEEL
TIP OF THE BROKEN
LANCE, AND--

I BUT BORROWED THIS,
TARGUTAI, YOU MAY HAVE
IT BACK NOW!



AND AS TARGUTAI FALLS
MORTALLY WOUNDED...

BORTAI! THE
FIGHTING HAS
FRIGHTENED HER.
SHE IS IN DANGER
OUT HERE.

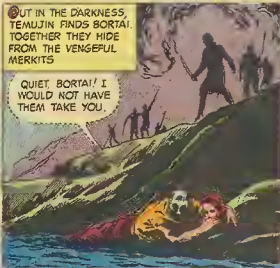
AS TEMUJIN
FOLLOWS BORTAI...

THE MONGOL
CHIEF, QUICKLY
OR WE WILL
LOSE HIM IN
THE NIGHT



OUT IN THE DARKNESS,
TEMUJIN FINDS BORTAI.
TOGETHER THEY HIDE
FROM THE VENGEFUL
MERKITS

QUIET, BORTAI! I
WOULD NOT HAVE
THEM TAKE YOU.



IN THE DAWN, TEMUJIN RETURNS TO THE CAMP
WITH HIS CAPTIVE.

WELCOME BACK, MY SON.
BEHOLD OUR CAMP! MANY
HAVE DIED NEEDLESSLY FOR
THIS CHILD OF KUMLEK

WHAT TALK IS THIS,
MY MOTHER? THE
GIRL IS NOT
TO BLAME



THEN AS
JAMUGA
LEADS THE
WEARY
MONGOL
WARRIORS
BACK INTO
CAMP--

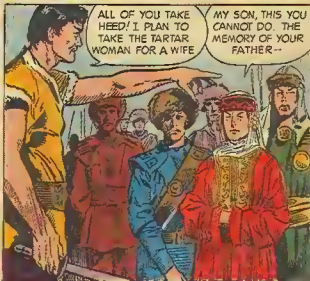
MY BROTHER! NO
ILL BEFELL YOU!
WE ROUTED THE
MERKITS, BUT MANY
MEN WERE WOUNDED

MEN WE SHALL
MISS WHEN
KUMLEK AND HIS
TARTARS DESCEND
ON US.



LEAVE THE
TARTARS TO
ME. I WELCOME
THEIR COMING

TAKE THE
TARTAR WOM-
AN TO HER
TENT AND
GUARD HER.
LET NO HARM
COME TO
BORTAI



ALL OF YOU TAKE
HEED! I PLAN TO
TAKE THE TARTAR
WOMAN FOR A WIFE

MY SON, THIS YOU
CANNOT DO. THE
MEMORY OF YOUR
FATHER--

NO! THERE WILL BE AN END TO THIS TALK ON BORTAI'S ACCOUNT. JAMUGA, COME TO MY TENT. WE WILL BREAK FAST TOGETHER.



IN TEMUJIN'S TENT, THE BLOOD BROTHERS TAKE COUNSEL.

THE MEN FEAR WHAT WILL BEFALL WHEN KUMLEK STRIKES. WHO CAN BLAME THEM?

WAS IT NOT OUR DREAM, JAMUGA, THAT I REGAIN MY FATHER'S STOLEN DOMINIONS AND UNITE THE TRIBES AGAINST THE TARTAR OPPRESSORS?



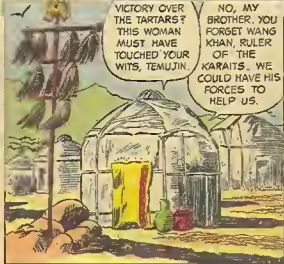
IT STILL IS, BUT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE. THAT IS WHY I, TOO, FEEL THIS DAUGHTER OF KUMLEK WILL BRING DISASTER

YOU ARE WRONG. I TELL YOU SHE WILL LEAD ME TO ACHIEVE WHAT I HAVE PUT OFF TOO LONG-- VICTORY OVER THE TARTAR TYRANTS.



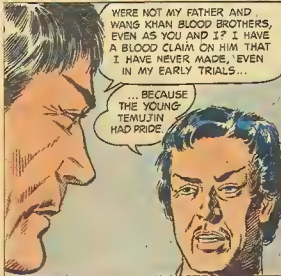
VICTORY OVER THE TARTARS? THIS WOMAN MUST HAVE TOUCHED YOUR WITS, TEMUJIN.

NO, MY BROTHER. YOU FORGET WANG KHAN, RULER OF THE KARAKITS. WE COULD HAVE HIS FORCES TO HELP US.



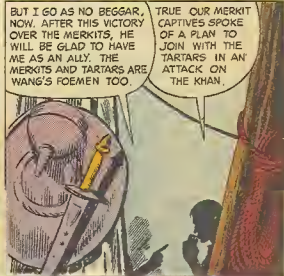
WERE NOT MY FATHER AND WANG KHAN BLOOD BROTHERS, EVEN AS YOU AND I? I HAVE A BLOOD CLAIM ON HIM THAT I HAVE NEVER MADE, EVEN IN MY EARLY TRIALS...

... BECAUSE THE YOUNG TEMUJIN HAD PRIDE.



BUT I GO AS NO BEGGAR, NOW. AFTER THIS VICTORY OVER THE MERKITS, HE WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE ME AS AN ALLY. THE MERKITS AND TARTARS ARE WANG'S FOEMEN TOO.

TRUE OUR MERKIT CAPTIVES SPOKE OF A PLAN TO JOIN WITH THE TARTARS IN AN ATTACK ON THE KHAN.



YOUR PLAN MIGHT WORK-- UNLESS WANG KHAN TAKES COUNSEL OF HIS SHAMAN. IT IS SAID HE PLACES MUCH RELIANCE IN SOOTHSAYERS.

I WILL TAKE THAT RISK. JAMUGA, YOU WILL STAY HERE AND MAKE READY TO MOVE THE CAMP WHEN I RETURN.



AS BOTH MEN LEAVE THE TENT.

WHAT OF BORTAI? IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR HER, HERE AMONG THE MONGOLS.

TRULY SAID I WILL TAKE HER WITH ME.



THE NEXT DAY FINDS TEMUJIN ON THE ROAD TO URGAA-- THE SEAT OF WANG KHAN'S FORCES.



HERE IS OUR CAMP FOR TONIGHT MY MEN HAVE ALREADY PITCHED THE TENTS YOU WILL FIND MORE EASE THIS NIGHT THAN THE LAST.

WHAT EASE CAN THERE BE FOR ME AMONG MONGOLS?



IN THAT PACK ARE MY FURS. THEY WERE PART OF MY DOWRY FOR MY MARRIAGE TO TARGUTAI.

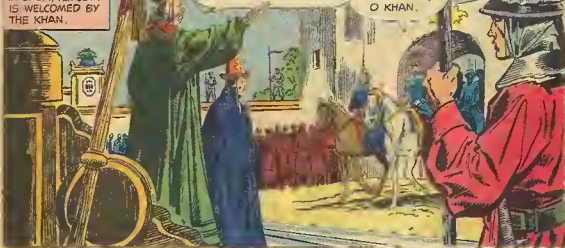
TRUE BUT WE ARE TO BE MARRIED, AND SO THE DOWRY BECOMES MINE. I PLAN TO MAKE A GIFT OF THOSE FURS TO WANG KHAN WHEN WE REACH URGAA TOMORROW.

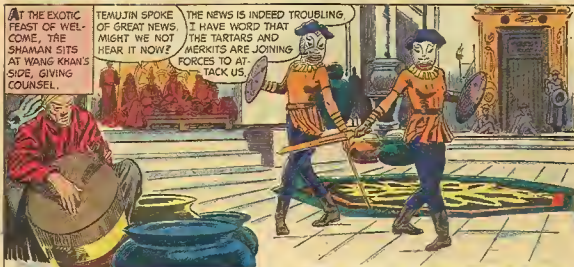


THE NEXT DAY, IN URGAA, TEMUJIN IS WELCOMED BY THE KHAN.

GREETINGS, TEMUJIN, MY SON MY HOUSE IS YOURS.

YOUR WELCOME TOUCHES ME, O KHAN.





LATER THAT NIGHT, THE SHAMAN READS THE OMEN OF THE FUTURE.

GODS OF FIRE AND GODS OF WATER, GODS OF AIR AND GODS OF THUNDER, SHOW THY MESSAGE BEFORE MY EYES, MAKE THE TRUTH ARISE--ARISE!

IT IS EVEN AS TEMUJIN RELATES, O KHAN. THE TARTARS PREPARE TO ATTACK YOUR CITY.

ALAS, THAT MY CITY OF URGU WILL NOT BE LEFT IN PEACE.

O KHAN, YOUR PEACEFUL CITY CAN BE SPARED ALL STRIFE. GATHER YOUR CLANS AND JOIN ME IN DEFEATING THE TARTARS AND MERKITS. THUS WILL MY FATHER BE AVENGED AND HIS HERITAGE RETURNED TO ME.



YOU SPEAK WISELY TEMUJIN

I DEPART WITH THE FIRST LIGHT, O KHAN, I WILL SEND WORD NAMING THE DAY AND PLACE WHERE OUR FORCES WILL MEET.

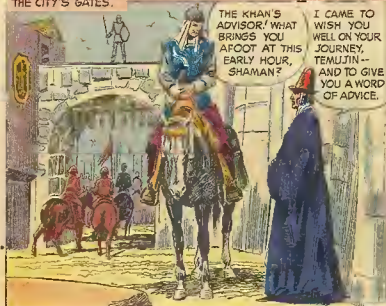


THE NEXT DAY AT DAWN, A SHADY FIGURE WAITS FOR TEMUJIN AT THE CITY'S GATES.

THE KHAN'S ADVISOR, WHAT BRINGS YOU AFoot AT THIS EARLY HOUR, SHAMAN?

I CAME TO WISH YOU WELL ON YOUR JOURNEY, TEMUJIN-- AND TO GIVE YOU A WORD OF ADVICE.

THE KHAN GROWS IDLE AND FULL OF YEARS. SOON HIS PETTY CHIEFS WILL FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES TO TAKE HIS PLACE. OTHER TRIBES WILL FALL ON US. THE MOMENT IS RIPE FOR THE COMING OF A YOUNG KHAN OF BOLD CUNNING.



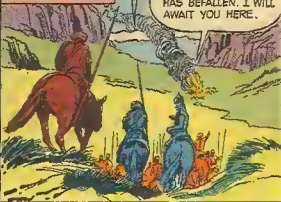
FAREWELL! I WISH YOU
WELL, TEMUJIN KHAN!!



QUICKLY, TEMUJIN
TURNS HOMEWARD,
BUT WHEN HE
REACHES THE MONGOL
ENCAMPMENT--

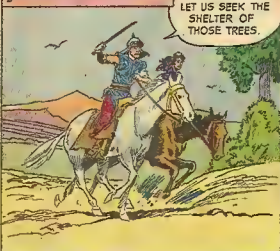
THE TARTARS
HAVE TAKEN
THE CAMP!

SCATTER, ALL OF
YOU, AT NIGHT--
FALL GO INTO THE
CAMP SINGLY. BRING
ME NEWS OF WHAT
HAS BEFALLEN. I WILL
AWAIT YOU HERE.



THE MONGOLS DISPERSE. THEN--

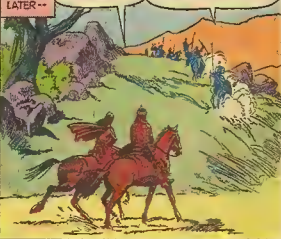
WE MAY BE SEEN.
LET US SEEK THE
SHELTER OF
THOSE TREES.



BUT AN
INSTANT
LATER--

TARTARS! WE
ARE AMBUSHED!

THE MONGOL LORD!
LOOSE YOUR ARROWS!



THE TARTAR ARROWS STRIKE HOME. UNHORSEING
TEMUJIN! FRIGHTENED, BORTAI'S MOUNT BOLTS IN PANIC!

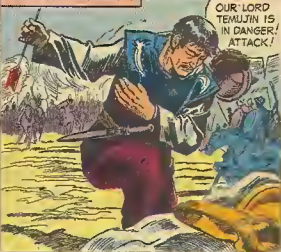
MY SHOULDER!
UHHHHH!

M-MY HORSE! I
CANNOT HOLD HIM!



THE SOUND OF BATTLE BRINGS SOME OF TEMUJIN'S
FOLLOWERS ON THE RUN.

OUR LORD
TEMUJIN IS
IN DANGER!
ATTACK!





BUT THE VALIANT MONGOLS ARE BADLY OUTNUMBERED, AND SOON--

THE TARTARS SEARCH FOR ME... SHELTER... IN THIS CAVE...



LATE THAT NIGHT, A SECOND FIGURE ENTERS THE CAVE.

JAMUGA, MY BLOOD BROTHER! SO YOU HAVE FOUND ME. TELL ME OF THE BATTLE.



THEN, BY THE LIGHT OF A TINY FIRE...

MY WOUNDS HAVE STOPPED BLEEDING NOW, THANKS TO THE BINDINGS YOU TORE FROM YOUR SHIRT. NOW, TELL ME OF OUR LOSSES.

THEY WERE FEW. THE TENTS WERE READY TO MOVE AS YOU ORDERED. MUCH WAS SAVED BY OUR RETREAT. WE WERE NOT PURSUED LONG. IT IS YOU KUMLEK SEEKS.



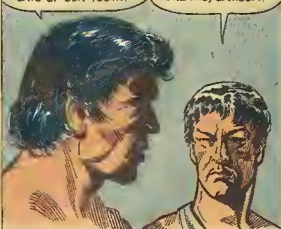
JAMUGA, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME. YOUR PLACE IS WITH OUR PEOPLE.

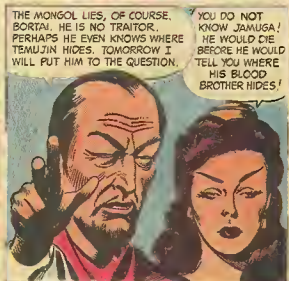
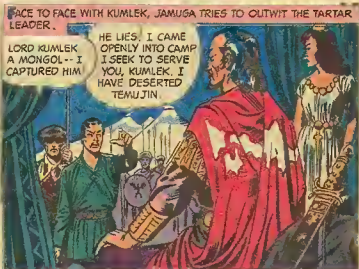
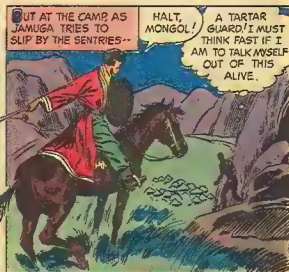
THEY ARE SECURE IN THE WESTERN GORGES. YOUR PERIL WAS THE GREATER.



I CAME UPON THE SIGNS OF AMBUSH. WHEN I DID NOT FIND YOU, I RECALLED THIS CAVE OF OUR YOUTH.

THE PLACE WE SWORE BLOOD BROTHERHOOD-- A PLACE OF GREAT DREAMS, JAMUGA.





BORTAI FOLLOWS THE CAPTIVE OUT OF THE TENT--

SO YOU WOULD BETRAY YOUR
BLOOD BROTHER? THAT FANCIFUL
TALE CONVINCED
NO ONE.



WHAT IS THERE ABOUT
THIS TEMUJIN THAT
MAKES YOU LOVE
HIM THUS?

THE ANSWER LIES IN
YOUR OWN HEART, BORTAI.



PUT HIM IN A TENT.
I, KUMLEK'S DAUGHTER,
ORDER IT.

WE HEAR AND
OBEY, BORTAI.



I MUST ESCAPE
AND GET TO
TEMUJIN...



SECONDS
LATER--

THAT BLOW WILL KEEP
HIM SILENT WHILE I
MAKE MY ESCAPE





BUT, TARTAR EYES SPY
THE ESCAPING MONGOL.

COME WE WILL FOLLOW
HIM. I'LL WAGER THIS
TIME WE WILL NOT
RETURN WITHOUT
TEMUJIN.



CHIRP-A-TWEET!

A BIRD CALL! IT
IS JAMUGA
SIGNALLING HIS
RETURN. I MUST
GO TO HIM.

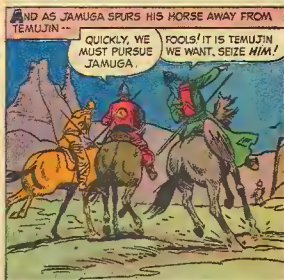


GOOD! IT HAPPENED
AS WE PLANNED. HE HAS
LED US TO TEMUJIN.



BUT AS KUMLEK'S
MEN CLOSE IN --

TARTARS! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWED!
I MUST DECOY THEM AWAY
FROM TEMUJIN!



AND AS JAMUGA SPURS HIS HORSE AWAY FROM
TEMUJIN --

QUICKLY, WE
MUST PURSUE
JAMUGA.

FOOLS! IT IS TEMUJIN
WE WANT. SEIZE HIM!

WEAK FROM HIS WOUND AND UNARMED,
TEMUJIN IS SEIZED--

YOUR BLOOD BROTHER
SERVED YOU WELL,
LORD TEMUJIN.

JAMUGA... CAN IT
BE THAT HE
BETRAYED ME?

THE
NEXT
MORNING,
THE
WOUNDED
CHIEFTAIN
IS
DRAGGED
IN
TRIUMPH
INTO THE
TARTAR
CAMP--

BEHOLD! HERE IS TEMUJIN, SON OF
YESSUGAI! GAZE UPON HIM, THE CHIEF
OF THE MONGOLS, BROUGHT TO
ME IN DISGRACE!

BORTAI, I AM
GRIEVED THAT I
CANNOT GREET
YOU AS I WOULD.

WHAT? DOES THIS MONGOL
DARE ADDRESS MY DAUGHTER?

STAY! HOLD YOUR
BLOWS, MY FATHER!
HE IS YOUR PRISONER!
IS THAT NOT
ENOUGH?

WHAT PUNISHMENT
WILL YOU DECREE,
MY FATHER?

IT IS NOT YOUR AFFAIR, BORTAI.
WHEN I AM DONE WITH HIM,
HE WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT
IT MEANS TO ROUSE THE
WRATH OF KUMLEK!

I DO NOT FEAR
YOUR THREATS,
TARTAR! REMEMBER
THIS, WHILE I AM
ALIVE, YOU ARE
NOT SAFE!

AWAY WITH THE
INSOLENT MONGOL!
GET HIM OUT OF
MY SIGHT!

THAT NIGHT, KUMLEK GIVES A VICTORY FEAST--

THE SENTRY IS ASLEEP. HE
IS DULL WITH FOOD AND
DRINK. IF THIS ROPE WILL
ONLY ALLOW ME
TO REACH HIM...



SLEEP SWEETLY,
O TARTAR, YOUR
REST IS WELL
EARNED.



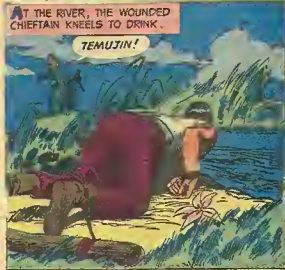
I CAN UPROOT THIS
POST, BUT I MUST
WORK QUICKLY, OR I
WILL BE SEEN.



BUT ANXIOUS FOR
TEMUJIN'S SAFETY,
BORTAI AND HER
SERVANT HAVE
BEEN WATCHING
IN THE NIGHT--

TEMUJIN
ESCAPES!

HE IS HEAD
ING FOR THE
RIVER
QUICKLY, WE
MUST OVER
TAKE HIM



AT THE RIVER, THE WOUNDED
CHIEFTAIN KNEELS TO DRINK.

TEMUJIN!



BORTAI! SO YOU
HAVE COME TO
REPAY ME WITH
A KNIFE

YES, MONGOL. IT
IS BORTAI...



... BUT THIS KNIFE IS
FOR YOUR *BONDS*!

HIS STRENGTH IS GONE.
HE CANNOT STAND.



HE HAS SUFFERED MUCH. NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH STRENGTH AND COURAGE

DENY NOT THE HEART, BORTAI.



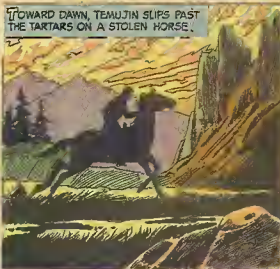
I MUST GO NOW, HOCHIN.

BRING HIM FOOD AND DRINK AND GUIDE HIM TO THE HORSES. LET HIM KEEP MY DAGGER IN CASE OF NEED.

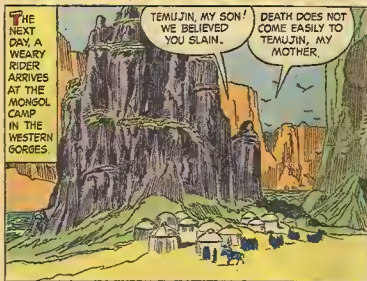
I HEAR AND OBEY



SOON, THE RAGING TARTARS ARE SCOURING THE COUNTRY-SIDE FOR TEMUJIN-- IN VAIN.



TOWARD DAWN, TEMUJIN SLIPS PAST THE TARTARS ON A STOLEN HORSE.



THE NEXT DAY, A WEARY RIDER ARRIVES AT THE MONGOL CAMP IN THE WESTERN GORGES.

TEMUJIN, MY SON! WE BELIEVED YOU SLAIN.

DEATH DOES NOT COME EASILY TO TEMUJIN, MY MOTHER.



SO THE PEOPLE BELIEVED ME SLAIN? AND WHO DID THEY CHOOSE AS CHIEF IN MY PLACE?

WHO BUT YOUR BLOOD BROTHER, JAMUSA, COULD LEAD US IN OUR ADVERSITY?

A MOMENT LATER, IN JAMUGA'S TENT...

YES, I HAVE RETURNED.
JAMUGA--TO FIND THE CHIEF-TAIN'S YAK TAIL STANDARD BEFORE YOUR TENT.

TEMUJIN, MY BROTHER!



I SEE NO BETRAYAL IN YOUR EYES. IT MUST BE THE BLACKEST KIND OF TREACHERY THAT CAN MASQUERADE AS BROTHERLY LOVE.

SO YOU BELIEVE I BETRAYED YOU? YOU DISHONOR ME AND SHAME YOURSELF WITH THE THOUGHT.



CURB THAT SILVER TONGUE OF YOURS. SPEAK STRAIGHT! DID YOU BETRAY ME TO THE TARTARS?

NO!



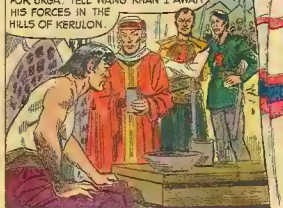
THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR, KUMLEK WILL PAY FOR THIS WOUND TENFOLD. COME, WE WILL DISCUSS OUR PLANS WHILE MY MOTHER DRESSES MY WOUNDS.



AS HUNLUN BINDS TEMUJIN'S INJURIES...

JAMUGA, WE MARCH TO RAISE THE MONGOL CLANS AGAINST THE TYRANT KUMLEK. YOU WILL DEPART AT ONCE FOR URGU, TELL WANG KHAN I AWAIT HIS FORCES IN THE HILLS OF KERULON.

MY BROTHER, I DOUBT--



SO, JAMUGA IS IN DOUBT? KASAR, YOU HAD BETTER GO WITH HIM TO URGU. YOUR BRAVN MAY SERVE TO HELP HIS WIT IN CASE OF TROUBLE.

AS YOU WILL, TEMUJIN. COME, KASAR, WE MUST BE ON OUR WAY.



THE WOUND WILL HEAL. WOULD THAT I COULD ALSO CURE THE MADNESS THAT POSSESSES YOU.

THEN YOU OPPOSE MY PLAN TO REGAIN MY HERITAGE FROM MY FATHER'S ENEMIES?

MY SON, I WOULD NOT STAND IN YOUR WAY. BUT, LIKE JAMUGA, I FEEL IT IS TOO EARLY!

NO, MOTHER, I CAN LISTEN NO LONGER. IT IS TIME FOR ME TO LEAD MY PEOPLE BACK TO THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE AMONG THE GOBI NATIONS.

TWO DAYS LATER, TEMUJIN'S ENVOYS ARRIVE BEFORE WANG KHAN.

SHAMAN, DO YOU HEAR? JAMUGA BRINGS WORD OF TEMUJIN'S ESCAPE. IT IS A MIRACLE I TELL YOU.

TEMUJIN HAS SENT US TO TELL YOU THAT HE AWAITS YOUR FORCES IN THE HILLS OF KERULON AT THE FULL OF THE MOON.

BUT, THE CALCULATING SHAMAN HAS PLANS OF HIS OWN.

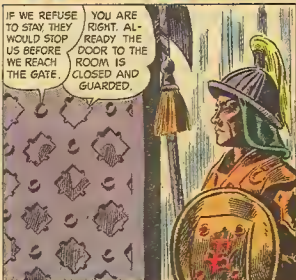
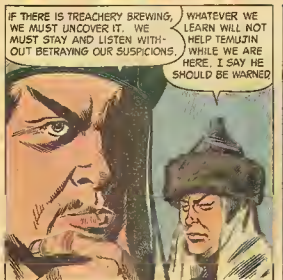
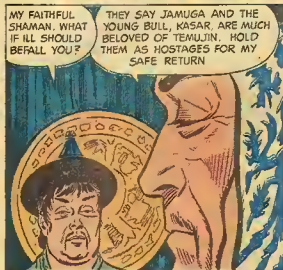
LORD KHAN, THESE ENVOYS HAVE RIDDEN HARD AND FAR. THEY MUST BE WEARY.

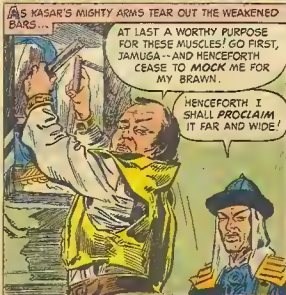
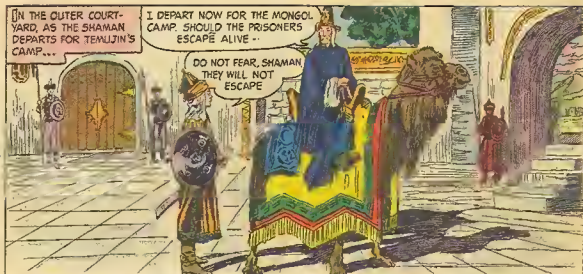
TRUE. REST AND REFRESH YOURSELVES, MY FRIENDS. WE WILL TALK AGAIN IN THE COOL OF THE DAY.

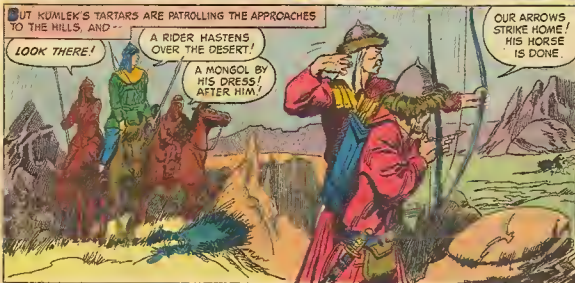
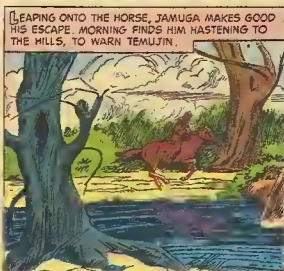
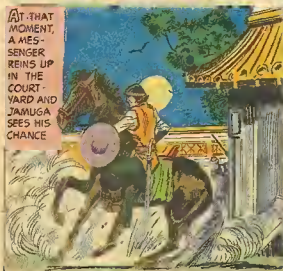
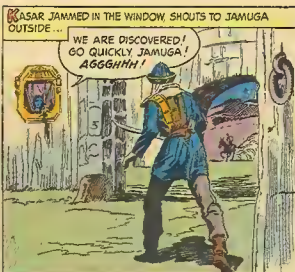
AND AFTER KASAR AND JAMUGA DEPART.

I CATCH THE SCENT OF TREACHERY IN THIS TALE OF TEMUJIN'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE. THE MONGOL'S SECRET PURPOSE MAY BE TO TRICK US INTO WAR WITH KUMLEK.

PERHAPS! BUT TO WHAT END?







BEHOLD! WE SEARCH FOR
TEMUJIN AND WE FIND
HIS BLOOD BROTHER.

KUMLEK WILL BE
GLAD TO SEE HIM.
BIND HIM! WE WILL
TAKE HIM TO
OUR CAMP.

THAT NIGHT,
IN THE HILLS,
TEMUJIN WAITS
VAINLY FOR
JAMUGA'S RETURN

LORD, THE MOON IS FULL
AND LONG SINCE HIGH..
BUT THERE IS NO SIGN
OF WANG KHAN'S
FORCES. MUST
WE MEET
KUMLEK'S
MEN ALONE?

MY VASSAL
CHIEFS
TREMBLE
NEEDLESSLY.
I EXPECT
WORD SOON.

MINUTES LATER...

LORD TEMUJIN,
AN ENVOY
FROM WANG KHAN

THE SHAMAN!
BRING HIM TO
MY TENT!

I BRING ILL TIDINGS, TEMUJIN.
WANG KHAN WILL NOT COME. HE
SITS SECURE IN HIS CITY WHILE
HE WAITS WORD OF YOUR
DESTRUCTION AT
THE TARTAR'S HAND.

YOU RODE
TWO DAYS TO
BRING
ME SUCH
NEWS?

I CAME TO GIVE YOU THIS
WARNING, AND A PLAN TO
THWART THE OLD MAN'S
TREACHERY. YOU MUST
SEIZE URGA, I TELL YOU.

WHAT? BLEED MY
STRENGTH IN A SIEGE
OF WANG KHAN'S CITY?

THERE WILL BE NO
SIEGE OR BATTLE. I
MYSELF WILL OPEN
THE GATES, AND
URGA WILL FALL
LIKE A RIPE PLUM.

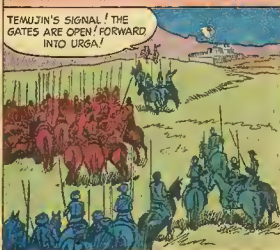
IT WOULD SERVE WANG
KHAN RIGHT IF HE PLANS
TO BETRAY ME!



TWO NIGHTS LATER, AT THE GATE OF WANG KHAN'S ROYAL CITY...



BUT THE MONGOL ARMY IS HIDDEN NEARBY-- AND AS A FLAMING ARROW ARCS INTO THE AIR...



AS THE MONGOLS STORM THROUGH THE URGAT GATE...



BUT WHEN TEMUJIN BREAKS INTO THE KHAN'S SLEEPING QUARTERS...

MY SWORD HAS ALREADY AVENGED YOU, TEMUJIN KHAN. THE TRAITOR IS BREATHING HIS LAST.

TEMUJIN, BEWARE... SHAMAN SPOKE... POISONED WORDS AGAINST YOU...



IT... IT IS NOT TRUE TEMUJIN D-DO NOT BELIEVE HIM.

WHAT OF MY BROTHERS?

KILLED... SHAMAN'S GUARDS...



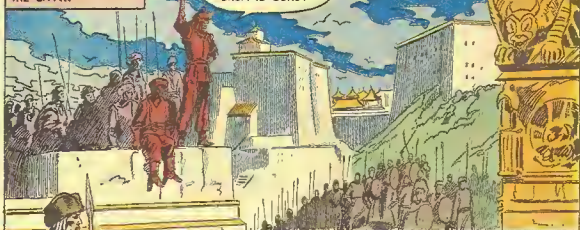
NO YOU CANNOT BELIEVE HIM!

I SHOULD NOT HAVE PUT MY TRUST IN YOU. SEIZE HIM, MEN! HIS FATE IS SEALED!



THEN, ON THE PALACE BALCONY, OVERLOOKING THE CITY...

HEAR ME, MONGOLS! WANG KHAN IS SLAIN! URGU IS OURS!



THE NEXT MORNING, IN THE PALACE COURTYARD, TEMUJIN DICTATES A LETTER.

TO MY MOTHER, HUNLUN:
I HAVE TAKEN URGU FROM WANG KHAN. KASAR IS SLAIN. JAMUGA IS GONE -- WHERE, I KNOW NOT, MARCH AGAINST THE TARTAR TYRANTS! TEMUJIN.



LORD, WANG'S CHIEF CAPTAINS SWEAR ALLEGIANCE.

TEMUJIN ACCEPTS YOUR OATH. HENCEFORTH SERVE AND SHARE EQUALLY WITH ALL MY GENERALS.



AND NOW, LET ALL TAKE HEED! I, TEMUJIN, CHIEF OF ALL MONGOLS, MAKE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN THAT THE LANDS AND DOMINIONS THAT WERE MY FATHER'S ARE MINE BY RIGHT! AND, TO RECAPTURE THEM, I MARCH AGAINST THE TARTARS!

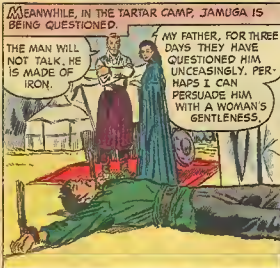


WE FOLLOW-
TEMUJIN
KHAN!

MEANWHILE, IN THE TARTAR CAMP, JAMUGA IS BEING QUESTIONED.

THE MAN WILL NOT TALK. HE IS MADE OF IRON.

MY FATHER, FOR THREE DAYS THEY HAVE QUESTIONED HIM UNCEASINGLY. PERHAPS I CAN PERSUADE HIM WITH A WOMAN'S GENTLENESS.



DO WITH HIM WHAT YOU WILL, BUT MAKE HIM TALK!

LET THE MONGOL BE BROUGHT TO MY TENT!



IN BORTAI'S TENT...

JAMUGA, MY FATHER'S GUARDS WATCH THE TENT. SPEAK LOW. TELL ME BUT ONE THING. I ASK NOTHING BUT TO KNOW IF HE LIVES.

YOUR VOICE IS GENTLE - BUT I WILL NOT SPEAK.



TELL ME NOTHING. NOTHING. ONLY THAT HE LIVES. HIS WOUNDS WERE GRIEVOUS. IS HE RECOVERED? TELL ME JAMUGA, IN HEAVEN'S NAME!

YOUR PLEADING IS IN VAIN, BORTAI!



FOOL! IF MY FATHER KNEW OF THIS BETRAYAL, HE WOULD DRIVE ME FROM HIS TENTS. I CHANCE THIS GLADLY, JUST TO KNOW IF TEMUJIN LIVES. DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU SAID ONCE YOU LOVED HIM MORE THAN LIFE.



HE LIVES, BORTAI. I COULD TAKE YOU TO HIM, BUT IT MUST BE SOON. DANGER THREATENS HIM. I WAS HASTENING TO WARN HIM WHEN I WAS CAPTURED.



DANGER? WHAT IF HE SHOULD BE KILLED?

TEMUJIN WILL NOT DIE. HIS LIFE IS CHARMED, FOR DESTINY HAS MARKED HIM. ONLY HIS PLANS ARE IN PERIL.

WE MUST GO TO HIM. I MUST FIND A WAY TONIGHT!



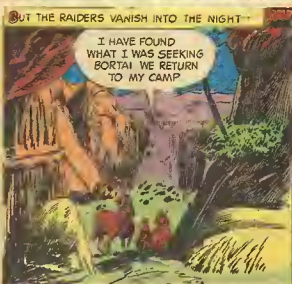
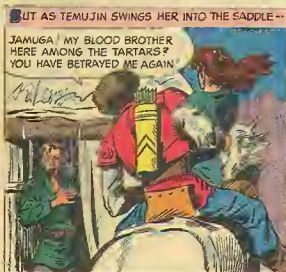
THAT NIGHT, KUMLEK'S GUARDS WATCH THE CAMP CLOSELY.



SENSING DANGER, THE TARTAR CATTLE DRIFT IN AND OUT OF THE DARKNESS SEEKING THE SHELTER OF THE TENTS.

BUT SOME OF THE CATTLE ARE MONGOL HORSEMEN IN DISGUISE.





IN THE GATHERING LIGHT OF DAWN, THE MONGOL CLANS MAKE READY FOR BATTLE.

TAKE TEN MEN AND GUARD BORTAI WITH YOUR LIFE.



BORTAI, I GO TO AVENGE MY FATHER AND TO FREE MY PEOPLE.

TEMUJIN--I FEAR FOR YOU TAKE CARE.

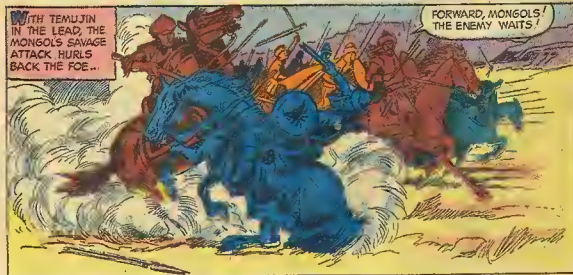


AT THE TARTAR CAMP, KUMLEK'S TRIBESMEN AWAIT THE MONGOL CHARGE.



WITH TEMUJIN IN THE LEAD, THE MONGOLS' SAVAGE ATTACK HURLS BACK THE FOE...

FORWARD, MONGOLS! THE ENEMY WAITS!



AND AT A NEARBY VANTAGE POINT.

WE CANNOT STOP THE MONGOL CHARGE. WE ARE DEFEATED, LORD KUMLEK.

WE MUST FLEE FOR OUR LIVES. THIS YOUNG UPSTART FIGHTS LIKE A SEASONED WARRIOR.



THE TARTARS RUN FROM THE FIELD.

KUMLEK GROWLS LIKE A LION, BUT RUNS LIKE A RABBIT!



AT A COMMAND FROM TEMUJIN, THE MONGOL RIGHT FLANK CUTS OFF THE FLEEING TARTARS, WHILE THE FULL FORCE OF THE MONGOLS PURSUES...

THE RABBIT RUNS SWIFTLY BUT OUR CLANSMEN RIDE MORE SWIFTLY STILL!

KUMLEK CANNOT ESCAPE. IT IS HIS APPOINTED HOUR.



AFTER THE BATTLE, THE VICTORIOUS TEMUJIN RETURNS TO CAMP.

IT IS BETTER THIS WAY. THE TARTARS ARE DEFEATED. IT IS OVER. KUMLEK IS NO MORE. I WAS MY FATHER, HE WAS CRUEL AND A TYRANT. THE GODS HAVE GIVEN HIM THE JUSTICE HE DESERVES.



WHAT OF JAMUGA? I SEARCHED EVERYWHERE BUT I HAVE NOT SEEN HIM.

IF I MISTAKE NOT IT IS HE THAT COMES NOW



MY HEART IS GLAD THAT HE LIVES TO REJOICE IN YOUR TRIUMPH. OPEN YOUR HEART TO HIM, TEMUJIN. HIS LOYALTY AND LOVE FOR YOU ARE NO LESS THAN MY OWN.

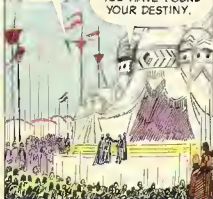


JAMUGA, I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING. BORTAI HAS TOLD ME OF ALL YOU SUFFERED FOR MY SAKE. LET THERE BE BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN US LIKE BEFORE.



MY BROTHER HAS SPOKEN.

I HAVE MADE GREAT CONQUESTS, I SHALL NEED YOUR WISDOM HENCEFORTH.



YOU WILL HAVE LITTLE NEED OF ME, HENCEFORTH, MY BROTHER, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR DESTINY.

FAR GREATER CONQUESTS WILL BE YOURS, TEMUJIN, AND BEFORE YOUR TIME IS COME, MEN WILL CALL YOU **GENGHIS KHAN** --THE PERFECT WARRIOR!



AND THE GREAT KHAN MADE SUCH CONQUESTS AS WERE UNDREAMED OF BY MORTAL MAN. THE TRIBES OF GOBI FLOCKED TO HIS STANDARD. THE DESERT TREMBLED UNDER THE HOOF OF HIS HORSES. CITIES FELL BEFORE HIM. THE GREAT WALL CRUMBLLED BEFORE HIS LEGIONS. FOR A HUNDRED YEARS, HIS CHILDREN RULED HALF THE WORLD.

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